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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/479,235 filed June 17, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The present invention relates to the field of MPEG-2 transport streams; more specifically, it relates to an efficient method and apparatus for recording a MPEG-2 transport stream and playing back the recorded transport stream in a manner compliant with the MPEG-2 transport stream standard.